



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5161**

February Session, 2010

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**AN ACT REQUIRING THE TRAINING OF THE STAFF OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ON GRANDPARENT  
VISITATION RIGHTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of  
2 Children and Families shall, within available appropriations, develop a  
3 training program to educate staff about the process for grandparents to  
4 apply for visitation rights to their grandchildren who are in the care  
5 and custody of the commissioner. Each employee of the Department of  
6 Children and Families whose duties concern custody and foster care  
7 shall complete the training. Such program shall include training in the  
8 requirements of (1) section 17a-10b of the general statutes regarding  
9 notification of removal of a child from custody of a parent, and (2)  
10 section 17a-101m of the general statutes regarding identification of  
11 relatives when a child is removed from custody.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In subdivision (2) the word "regarding" was inserted before "identification" for accuracy and clarity.

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